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of Eastern Germany since only in that way could damage be inflicted on the West. If East German industry were expanded, unemployment would continue to rise in the West in such a way that the West would soon be forced to capitulate to the East.

Steidle's remarks were received without applause. In later discussion, Götting spoke again, saying that the West must accept the progressive reforms in the East if Germany is reunited. He further stated that the Soviet Union need no longer take world opinion into consideration in the formation of her policy since she is strong enough to get what she wants, as proved by her successes in China.

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Comment: It is supposed that the new applications were stimulated by RIAS propaganda which has called upon people to hold out now as never before, and by the fact that people say there must be something in the party if it is so violently persecuted. In addition, a large number of the civil servants who are now being forced to join a political party wish to choose the least of the evils by going into the CDU, since they believe that this will not be held quite so much against them at a later date.

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